

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)
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Application No.: 10/579,249) Examiner: John S. Maples
Filed: May 12, 2006) Group Art Unit: 1795
For: NON-AQUEOUS ELECTOLYTIC SOLUTION) Date: October 20, 2008
AND LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. No copy of the U.S. Patent documents have been supplied with this Information Disclosure Statement. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the other documents cited is enclosed.

CN1277468A, CN1279520A and JP2003-317803A were cited in a counterpart Chinese Patent Application No. 200480040412.2 issued on February 29, 2008. Applicants wish to note that U.S. Patent No. 6,927,001 B1 is in the same family as CN1277468A, but not included in the communication from the foreign Patent Office. Additionally, Applicants wish to note that U.S. Patent No. 6,632,572 B1 is in the same family as CN1279520A, but not included in the communication from the foreign Patent Office. Furthermore, JP2003-317803A was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 12, 2006, and thus has not been included in the PTO-1449 form submitted herewith.

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It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial a copy of this form and return it to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 19-2380 in the amount of \$180 to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

Respectfully submitted,

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